

## MINUTES OF THE IHSA BOYS/GIRLS GOLF ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING

November 30, 2016

The IHSA Boys/Girls Golf Advisory Committee met at the IHSA Office, Bloomington, Illinois, on Wednesday, November 30, 2016, beginning at 10:00 a.m. Committee members present were: Brad Sweet, Girls Coach at Machesney Park (Harlem); Brian Glorioso, Athletic Director at Chicago (St. Patrick); Terry Aud, Boys Coach at McLeansboro (Hamilton County); Ann Christiansen, Girls Coach at Huntley; Walter Zukowski, Boys Coach at Tinley Park (Andrew); Mark Longo, Boys Coach at Quincy (Notre Dame); and Brent Rademacher, Principal at Bismarck (B.-Henning). IHSA Associate Executive Director Kurt Gibson and Assistant Executive Director Stacey Lambert; IESA Assistant Executive Director Julie Cochran; Boys Golf Class 2A State Final Manager Laura Provost.

### TERMS AND CONDITIONS RECOMMENDATIONS:

#### 1. VIII. TOURNAMENT RULES -- B. COACHING:

**Recommendation:** For the entire state series, the head coach and one assistant coach will be allowed to coach anywhere on the course *until his/her player steps on the putting green. Once their player steps onto the green to either putt or mark his/her ball, coaches must cease their coaching. After the last player in a group has completed putting on a given hole, coaches can begin communicating again with their player(s). Coaches must not delay pace of play at any point on the course.* Both the head coach and the assistant coach must meet the IHSA coaching by-laws and be listed on the school's *List of Participants*.

**Rationale:** The committee believes this recommendation is the logical next step in the evolution of allowing coaches to coach during the state series. Coaches have not shown tendencies to delay play since being to coach on course, and the committee believes allowing this extension of coaching will not unduly slow down play.

Approved by Consent

#### 2. IX. TOURNAMENT POLICIES -- B. SCHOOL REPRESENTATIVE/COACH:

**Recommendation:** Add the following to the section: *At the state finals, schools who qualify a team or multiple individuals may rent one cart at the school's expense for use by the school's head coach, provided enough carts are available and ground conditions allow for such use.*

**Rationale:** The committee believes this modest inclusion of carts for coaches will not unduly impact play and allow greater opportunity for coaches to coach players at the state finals.

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## ITEMS OF GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. The committee reviewed the minutes of the 2015 advisory committee meeting.
2. The committee discussed the recently-completed boys' and girls' state finals. The following include topics brought up during that discussion:
  - a. The committee complimented state finals hosts for their efforts in putting on first-class events.
  - b. IHSA staff recognized the work of all the volunteers in both Bloomington-Normal and Decatur, volunteers who are instrumental in the event's success.
  - c. The committee asked about the process for securing hotel rooms for participants at the boys' state finals. IHSA staff shared with the committee how the IHSA and the local properties work together in making rooms available for the state finals. A part of the issue lies in the fact that schools are allowed to make reservations in advance of the agreed-upon date, which then results in properties selling out to non-qualifiers. IHSA staff indicated they will have further discussions with local tournament organizers to try and find a better process to ensure rooms are available.
3. The committee discussed on-course score reporting by players. The committee discussed how many scores an individual player should be responsible for when playing, how often players should get scores from other competitors, and the importance of players advocating for themselves and the field when they think another player has given an incorrect score. The committee suggested including information on score-reporting in the coaches' rules meeting next year, as well as creating a short presentation for players about the importance of honesty and competing with integrity.
4. The committee discussed the number of qualifiers at the state finals, focusing on the play-off currently called for, in situations where there is a tie for the last qualifying spot. The committee sympathized with those who may favor bringing all the competitors to the next round of competition who tied for the last qualifying spot. However, the committee also recognized that among the lessons sports and competition teach individuals are winning and losing, and while not advancing to the next round of the tournament is unfortunate and a tough lesson to learn, the committee believes the current qualifying set-up of the tournament is appropriate.
5. The committee discussed the use of distance-measuring devices during play. The committee expressed their belief that the current wording in place is still appropriate. Distance-measuring devices that only provide point to point distances are legal for competition in Illinois, whether the device is GPS based, a wearable device, or a traditional range finder. Devices that can adjust the point to point measurement for slope or any other gradient are not legal, even if those features are turned off.
6. The committee discussed whether or not golf carts should be allowed at the state finals. Robust conversation sharing points both in favor and in opposition to allowing carts for coaches and spectators were discussed. In general, the committee recognizes that there is an accommodation for transporting fans around the course already in place that is working, and, therefore, no additional accommodation for them should be made.

7. The committee discussed whether or not observers should be used again during the state series. It was noted that there is nothing precluding regional and sectional hosts from using these during their respective tournaments, but it is not a requirement. The committee recognized that their use can be beneficial, but it's imperative that any people used in that capacity are knowledgeable about golf. The committee also recognized that bringing back observers could end up requiring coaches to be used in this role, a situation that the committee did not want to happen.
8. The committee discussed the possibility of seeding the state series. IHSA staff shared earlier committee discussions that centered on this topic. In 2012, the committee made a recommendation to establish a system for seeding, but the recommendation was ultimately not approved by the IHSA Board of Directors. The current committee was unable to make any recommendation at this time, however.
9. The committee asked IHSA staff to continue working on getting host sites as early as possible in the spring to allow golfers the opportunity to place practice rounds at state series sites in the summer. IHSA staff indicated to the committee they will continue to do so, and if schools are interested in where they may be assigned for an up-coming season, the school can contact the IHSA golf administrators.